

**AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008
MINUTES**

Present: Harlow Bielefeldt, Mike O'Brien, Lee Wipfli, Rose Barton, Susie Austin, Kathleen Books, James Pearson

The meeting was called to order followed by introduction of members and guests.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 15, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

New Business

Susie Austin suggested the committee table the discussion to nominate a chair and co-chair until more members of the committee can be present. The group agreed.

Mike O'Brien asked about bringing in new members. He suggested someone from the organization MADD. Lee Wipfli suggested someone from either the main jail or huber jail.

Susie Austin asked the group if they had any suggestions on future topics. Kathleen Books would like someone from the SMART recovery movement to speak on their community based support group. Rose suggested someone from the homeless shelter speak to the group.

Presentation

Karen Cumblad, Director of James Place, spoke about the services they offer to help residents of Waukesha. They are a resource agency associated with Elmbrook Church. It was started in March of 2007 as a way for the church to become more involved in the community. They have a community nurse that is funded by the church and Pro Health Care. They don't have money to offer but they try to connect residents with agencies that can help them such as a prescription program to help pay for medication. They offer budgeting services and they have a program for people and their families who need help transitioning from prison to the community. Discussion followed.

Susie asked about unmet needs. Lee Wipfli brought up the need for case management services to help people get involved with the right agencies. Susie also suggested that the Waukesha County AODA volunteers look into mentoring at James Place to reach out to people needing to get connected with the recovery community.

Citizen Member Report

Mike O'Brien updated the members on the Human Services Board review of the budget for 2009 that still needs approval by the County Board. He says that they did not recommend that the frozen AODA position be opened and referred to help at the Day Reporting Center. The part time position in the jail that helped with the Jail Transition

Program is no longer available but they did find funding to keep the Alcohol Court for one more year at least.

County AODA Liaison Report

None

Adjournment

Kathleen Books made a motion seconded by Lee Wipfli to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted on and passed.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney

Approved on _____
Date